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University of Minnesota, Morris mission

The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) provides a rigorous undergraduate liberal arts education, preparing its students to be global citizens who value and pursue intellectual growth, civic engagement, intercultural competence, and environmental stewardship. As a public land grant institution, UMM is a center for education, culture, and research for the region, nation, and world. UMM is committed to outstanding teaching, dynamic learning, innovative faculty and student scholarship and creative activity, and public outreach. Our residential academic setting fosters collaboration, diversity, and a deep sense of community.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

Photo at left: Students head into Don's for a grilled cheese, hand-dipped shake, and, perhaps, a hot beef sandwich. What was your favorite at Don's? See what others said on page 19.

Cover photo: Brittany Ottum '12

One of twelve 2012 grads we interview in this issue, Brittany Ottum is headed to New York. Find out why in our feature section!



Message from Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson

One of the greatest joys for me in my role as chancellor is that moment at commencement when our graduates walk toward me across the stage, one by one, to receive their diplomas. I am so proud of their accomplishments and so pleased that they have achieved this milestone.

This year's commencement ceremonies took place on the mall on a spectacularly beautiful May afternoon: sun shining, breeze blowing, flowers in bloom, and the mall packed with the proud families and friends of our graduates. Our commencement speaker was the University of Minnesota's new president, Eric Kaler. Several weeks before the ceremony, President Kaler's speech writer asked me if there was a particular student who should be showcased in Kaler's remarks. I thought about the question for a moment, and then said "No."

"For every one student you would feature," I said, "there are one hundred more who are equally deserving. All our students and all their families should revel in the accomplishments of the day."

And yet, this issue of *Profile* does pick out several of our most recent grads, featuring not one but twelve of them. I ask you to remember, as you read about these students, that for each of the twelve students featured here, there are twelve more; and twelve more; and twelve more. There aren't enough pages for us to include *all* the stories of our recent graduates. We wish we could.

Instead, we provide you with a "sampler" of the achievements and accomplishments of several students who have been taught, nurtured and guided by faculty and staff at the University of Minnesota, Morris. These students represent different disciplines; they have traveled and researched; they have presented papers; they have acted and produced; they have sung and they have written. They have studied in depth; they have studied in breadth; they have engaged outside the classroom in discipline-related activities and in community-based activities. They have made the local community a better place; they have made this campus a better place. They are ready to shape the future. They are "liberally" educated in the classic meaning of the term—*artes liberales*—the areas of study (*artes*) essential for a free people, essential for citizens (*liberales*)—essential for informed participation in democratic society.

This kind of education—a liberal arts education—is, perhaps, more important today than it has ever been, and I think you will find that the "12 in '12" featured here are outstanding examples of it. And for each of these twelve students...there are twelve more...and twelve more...and twelve more...



Message from Maddy Maxeiner, vice chancellor for external relations



Congratulations to the Class of 2012! This remarkable group of students is launched and on their way, taking what they've learned from their years at Morris and creating brand new narratives. We thought it would be fun to take a look at a smattering of these grads to see what they are up to next! Enjoy their stories.

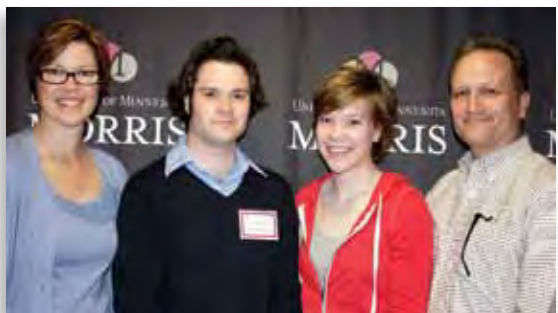
We are serious, also, about collecting information from our young graduates related to their careers and further

educational pursuits, and other post-UMM experiences such as travel, volunteer work, and internships. The Class of 2011 is being surveyed to learn about their activities one year out. This information is of great value in understanding the ways in which the liberal arts lead onward. If you are a member of this class,

please help us by taking five minutes to complete a brief set of questions. If you have questions, please contact Jeff Lamberty at lamberjj@morris.umn.edu or 320-589-6386.

Speaking of life after UMM, this past winter the UMM Alumni Association launched Morris Connect: an online, searchable, secure mentoring and networking system linking UMM students with alumni. Students have strongly encouraged us to develop this network, as they are most eager to contact alums. As an alum, you can control students' access and how you are contacted. Morris Connect will launch to current students this fall. Please sign up at morris.umn.edu/alumni/morrisconnect if you have not done so already.

We hope to see you this fall on campus or at any one of our off-campus special Morris events. Thank you for your important support!



Award recipients honored

The annual Honors and Awards Ceremony, held the Friday evening before commencement, is an opportunity for the Morris campus to honor student achievement and celebrate giving. Many of these awards are made possible through the generous support of donors.

The range of awards presented on May 11 demonstrated Morris's commitment to flexibility and diversity among the student body. Some reflect involvement in student activities or athletics, while others recognize student research or academic achievement. For example, the Matthew Ian Helgesen Memorial award, established by Tim and Jean Helgesen in memory of their son, Matthew '06, is given to the Captain of the Bad Movie Club (this year, Matthew Wilts '12 of Alexandria). The Abbott Award in Physics is presented annually to the graduating physics major with the greatest potential in the field (2012 recipient—Matthew Kroonblawd '12 of Lino Lakes).

As Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson is fond of reminding us, the Morris campus is a laboratory for living and learning, where a lively, varied, and engaged set of minds comes together in each classroom, club meeting, and committee. Here, students experience nothing less than a model liberal arts education.



Pictured: A few senior award recipients with their families. Clockwise from top left: Drew Schield, Maple Plain, Jay Y. Roshal Award; Sander Moberg, Minneapolis, Natalie Benoit Memorial Award; Elizabeth Binczik, Coon Rapids, Scholar of the College and Bos Undergraduate Research Award; Attina Earl, Ashland, Montana, Mimi Frenier Award in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies.

Giving to Morris

In partnership with the University of Minnesota Foundation, 100 percent of all gifts designated to Morris are received by and invested in the Morris campus. The Foundation serves as the legal, charitable entity for the University system.

The Morris campus welcomes all forms of financial gifts in any amount in support of its mission and in pursuit of strategic goals. There are many ways to give, and we are happy to assist you in determining the best way based on your individual situation. Read "Ways to Give" at morris.umn.edu/givetomorris, then contact a development team member for a personal consultation.

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Morris receives \$1.2 million award from Howard Hughes Medical Institute

Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has awarded the University of Minnesota, Morris a four-year, \$1.2 million grant to encourage success of students from all backgrounds in science.

HHMI selected 47 small undergraduate universities and colleges in the United States—from an initial pool of 215 invited schools—as the recipients of grants totaling more than \$50 million for its science education initiative. Morris's project was funded in HHMI's target area of "persistence of all students," which encourages success of students from all backgrounds.

"HHMI is investing in these schools because they have shown they are superb incubators of new ideas and models that might be replicated by other institutions to improve how science is taught in college," says Sean B. Carroll, vice president of science education at HHMI. "We know that these schools have engaged faculty. They care deeply about teaching and how effectively their students are learning about science."

The project was led by Morris biology faculty members in collaboration with faculty from throughout the Division of Science and Mathematics. Associate Professor of Biology Paul Z. Myers will serve as project director.

Bart D. Finzel, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean says, "This collaborative effort is just one of many examples of the tremendous work that our faculty are doing in support of the research and educational pursuits of our students."

Morris Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson comments, "We were delighted to learn of this award. Morris serves a very diverse and talented group of undergraduate students. This award builds upon our mission and provides another opportunity for us to advance learning and student success in STEM fields."

To achieve the "persistence of all students" objective, the University will implement five strategic initiatives that encompass K-12 teacher assistance, mentoring, research, community outreach, and aid for career searches and further education opportunities. The goal of these initiatives is to strengthen Morris's preparation of undergraduates for careers in science, increase the number of graduates continuing their education in graduate programs, and develop and improve effective mentoring strategies.

Other Minnesota schools receiving HHMI awards are Carleton College, Hamline University, Macalester College, and Saint Olaf College.



Student earns GLBTA Leadership Award

Anne Meyers-Welsch '13, Menomonie, Wisconsin, received the 2012 University of Minnesota Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Ally (GLBTA) Leadership Award.

The award recognizes the students, faculty, alumni, and community members who exemplify outstanding leadership within University of Minnesota campus GLBTA communities.

Nominator Argie Manolis, coordinator of the Office of Community Engagement, says, "I am so grateful for Anne's work this semester. The Queer Issues Committee would not have completed so much work without her diligence and organizational skills. But Anne's best quality is her ability to connect with people of a variety of backgrounds and beliefs. She has really helped to educate the broader community about GLBT issues."

Photo: Meyers-Welsch with Manolis



Briggs Library senior art award winner

Chelsea Bell '12, Northfield, is this year's winner of the Briggs Library Senior Art Show Award for her intaglio titled "It Happened in the Woods."

"I've always said that it's the favorite piece I've ever made," Bell affirms. "It's about a specific event in my life that I wanted to make a universal situation."

The piece will be hung permanently in Briggs Library.



Naomi Wente named 2012 Udall Scholar

Environmental studies and political science major Naomi Wente '13, Dodge Center, will travel to Tucson, Arizona in August to receive a 2012 Udall Scholarship. The Udall Foundation provides federally funded scholarships to college students pursuing careers related to the environment and American Indian students pursuing careers in tribal public policy or health care.

Wente learned of the scholarship through her mentor, professor of political science Paula O'Loughlin, and learned more about the award from her peers. "The questions are complex and really stretched me to attempt to effectively communicate what it is I have done for the environment and what it is I want to do in the future," she says. In the future, she wants to work with food systems. "I have a passion for food justice, local foods, and food production. I am also interested in non-profit work. Overall, I want to focus on public service."

While in Tucson to receive her award, Wente will have an opportunity to meet the other 2012 Udall scholars, policy makers, and community leaders in environmental fields, tribal health care, and governance. "I am super excited to network and make friends with awesome people who are also doing great things for the environment!"

Korean culture immersion for Morris student

For Christine Hoffman '13, spring break brought a unique opportunity to be immersed in Korean culture.

Hoffman was awarded a scholarship from the Council on International Education Exchange (CIEE) and the Korea Foundation to travel to South Korea over spring break to learn more about the language, culture, and history of the nation.

CIEE is a non-profit, non-governmental organization with a mission to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world. The non-profit Korea Foundation seeks to promote awareness and understanding of Korea throughout the international community.

Hoffman, a mathematics and Spanish major from Alexandria, learned of this opportunity from another member at a German club meeting. She applied during the 2011 winter break. As the program is very competitive, she was doubtful she would receive the scholarship, but after three weeks of waiting, she received the exciting news that she was chosen for the trip.



URS showcases student achievement

On Saturday, April 21, 2012, University of Minnesota, Morris students had the opportunity to present work that was months—in some cases years—in the making at the 12th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS). The public was invited to attend the free event that celebrated the variety and quality of student scholarly achievement by providing a venue for students to present research and creative work and perform for an audience of peers, faculty, family, and community members.

A symposium at the undergraduate level is an unusual and important event. "I am always impressed by the breadth and depth of UMM student scholarly activities," says Gordon McIntosh, professor of physics and URS coordinator. "Independent student research represents one of the highest achievements of our students. It requires the development of an internal authority on a subject that is not possible through coursework. The URS presents and celebrates the intellectual development of UMM students."

Photo: Jordan Berg '13, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Ben Schabb '13, Grand Forks, North Dakota, with their poster presentation.

Photo credit: Jon Troe '14, Lakefield.

Green Accolades

EPA National Top Partner

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the University of Minnesota, Morris in April as a Top Partner. Morris appears as number 20 on its list of the Top 20 On-site Generation. On-site green power is deployed directly at energy users' facilities rather than at central power plants. The EPA's Top Partner Lists are updated quarterly at www.epa.gov.

AASHE—STARS gold certification

Morris is one of only 31 institutions to achieve an Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) gold certification.

STARS is a comprehensive sustainability survey that looks at efforts across campuses, including education and research, operations, planning, administration, and engagement.

This notable achievement for Morris was attained through the sustainable actions of the entire campus community, which include recycling, incorporation of sustainability into majors, sustainability research by faculty, equity and diversity programs, investments, new building construction, sources for campus energy, and food sustainability.

The Morris campus is featured in AASHE's spring 2012 *STARS Quarterly Review*.

Princeton Review

Morris is one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the United States and Canada, according to *The Princeton Review*. Morris was selected for inclusion in the second annual edition of its free downloadable book, *The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2012 Edition*.

Welcome Center—LEED Gold

The United States Green Building Council awarded a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold rating to the Welcome Center.

LEED is a third-party certification program and the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high-performance green buildings.

Jennifer Deane 2012 Alumni Association Teaching Award recipient

Jennifer Kolpacoff Deane, associate professor of history, received the 2012 University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association Teaching Award. The award honors individual Morris faculty members for outstanding contributions to undergraduate education, calling attention to educational philosophies, objectives, and methods.

Deane was nominated for this award because she is “an exemplary teacher, advisor, scholar, and community citizen,” the nominating committee wrote. “Her enthusiasm is infectious, as is her commitment to the objectives of a liberal arts education.”

Deane’s goal in the classroom is not necessarily to train medieval historians. Instead, she trains students to understand what historians do, how they do it, and why it matters. “I want my students to step outside of their own perspective, and try regarding the world through someone else’s eyes and assumptions. That’s when horizons really start expanding,” Deane says.

Deane is always looking for new and creative ways to reach her students. She describes herself as a “perfectionist—like many faculty,” and says, “No matter how well a class goes, I always have the feeling that it could have been just a little bit better if only... and that’s where both the fun and pressure come in.” She finds teaching inspiration not only by recalling her own experiences as an undergraduate, but also in colleagues’ innovative practices and from her own ongoing research and reading.

Though Deane comes from an academic family, she still had to overcome a large obstacle to be an effective teacher: shyness. As she says, “It was awfully hard at first to get up in front of people and to teach in graduate school. It’s one of the reasons I try to encourage all of my students to practice speaking in front of others.”

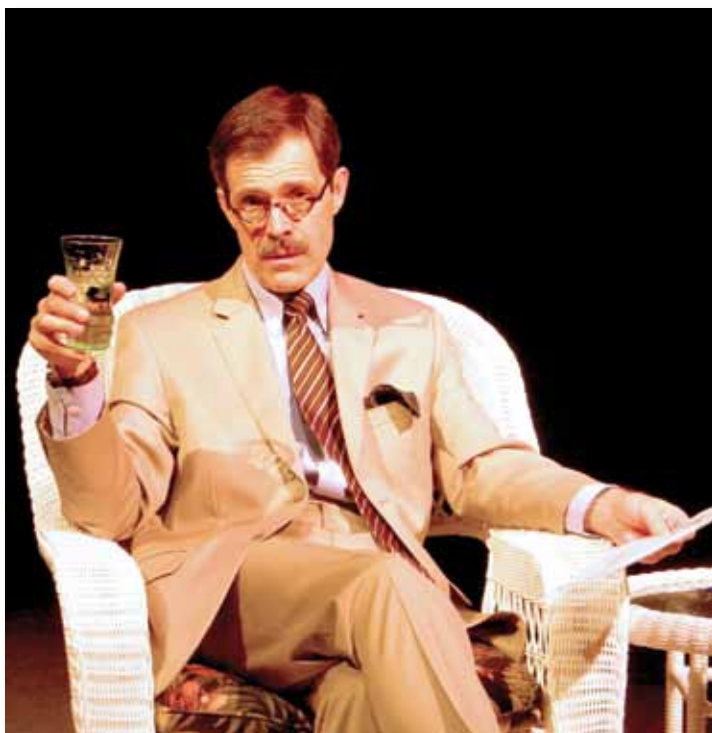


Deane, for whom the best part of working with students “is watching them develop confidence and direction over the course of their years at UMM,” has an energizing effect. Stephen Harper ’13, Hastings, points out, “Jennifer encourages students to excel in every aspect of her class whether it be further refining their writing styles or helping them gain a deeper understanding of their subject matter: she is a tremendous asset. She takes pride in helping students develop to their fullest potential.”



2012 retirees and award recipients honored at Recognition Dinner

The annual Recognition Dinner, hosted by Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, provided the campus the opportunity to congratulate 2012 award recipients and thank faculty and staff retirees for their service. **Back:** Nancy Helsper, Mary Martelle Memorial Award; Jayne Blodgett, Morris Academic Staff Award; David Jones, retiree; David Aronson, retiree; Richard Jean Richards, retiree; Jenny Quam, AFSCME recipient of the Outstanding Staff Award; Mick Rose, Civil Service recipient of the Outstanding Staff Award; David Mayo, Teamster recipient of the Outstanding Staff Award. **Middle:** Paula O’Loughlin, University of Minnesota President’s Outstanding Service Award; Margaret Kuchenreuther, University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award; Thomas Turner, retiree; Jeanne Richards, retiree; Jody Huntley, retiree; Al Seifermann, retiree; Jenny Nellis, University of Minnesota President’s Outstanding Service Award. **Front:** Rosa Kill, retiree; Lou Logan, retiree; Anne Hansen, retiree; Marge Kleinhans, retiree; Lois Kunde, retiree. Photo credit: Erin Melzer ’15, Northfield.



Schultz performs solo show: *Blanche and Beyond*

Blanche and Beyond, adapted by Steve Lawson from Tennessee Williams's letters, presents a portrait of the artist that spans from his creativity in writing plays such as *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* to the demons that haunted him and led to his increasingly self-destructive behavior. The piece has been constructed and staged to emphasize the drama of Williams's life and the complexity of the close relationships he shared with such literary and theatrical figures as Carson McCullers, Gore Vidal, and Elia Kazan.

Associate Professor of Theatre Arts Ray Schultz hopes that audiences will come to better appreciate Williams as a writer and a person. "His writing voice was singular in terms of its heightened emotionalism and poetic quality, and through his letters one can certainly see that his 'real' voice and his writing voice are almost always one and the same," Schultz says. "You can certainly hear echoes of his plays and characters in his letter writing."

Schultz's masterful performance brings to life Williams's variety of moods, his grasp of his own failings, and his vivid intelligence. The words sometimes bite, sometimes soothe, sometimes evince laughter, but are always riveting.



Lackey selected for NEH stipend

Michael Lackey, associate professor of English, is one of two Minnesotans to receive a Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). NEH, an independent federal agency, is one of the largest funders of humanities programs in the United States. NEH Summer Stipends support individuals pursuing advanced research that is of value to humanities scholars, general audiences, or both.

Lackey's project is "A History of the Haverford Group and the Battle for Racial Justice." Since submitting the NEH application, the project was accepted for publication by the University of Virginia press, and is now titled; *Black Separatists, Black Integrationists, and the Battle for Racial Justice*. The book traces the history of the Haverford Group, an assembly of prominent African American intellectuals who came together in May 1969 in response to the black separatist movements that swept through the United States in the late 1960s. The group focussed on identifying flaws in the black separatist philosophy, defining an American integrationist position, and formulating a multi-racial program of action.

Kildegaard Book Award finalist

University of Minnesota, Morris Lecturer in Writing Athena Kildegaard was distinguished as a finalist for the 2012 Minnesota Book Award in poetry. Her work, *Bodies of Light*, published by Red Dragonfly Press, was selected from a pool of candidates from across the state.

The MN Book Award is over two decades old and celebrates the work of Minnesota authors. The award consists of several categories.

"The name and structure of *Bodies of Light* stem from the fact that light from dying stars reaches earth long after those stars are gone. The first section, 'Tenant,' focuses on the body and things permanent, while the second, 'Transit,' focuses on movement and things fleeting," says Kildegaard.

In April a gala was held to announce the winners and celebrate Minnesota authorship. Akin to an experience at the Academy Awards, each category and its nominees were announced, followed by a declaration of the winner and accompanied by musicians to play a theme related to the winning work.

Ed Bok Lee's work, *Whorled*, won the Award for Poetry; "Ed is a great guy," states Kildegaard, adding that he will be coming to the Prairie Gate Literary Festival this coming academic year (2012-13). Jim Moore, Guggenheim fellow, and Su Smallen also had works in poetry up for the award.

Kildegaard has been teaching college writing courses part time on campus since 2006. "I like that," says Kildegaard, "I get to protect my writing time." Prior to her work as a lecturer, she was the Prairie Renaissance Cultural Alliance director, an organization she continues to support as the president of the board of directors. In February of this year her new work—*Cloves & Honey*—was published by Nodin Press.

—Miles Taylor '13, Wood Lake

Kuchenreuther honored with University community service award

Margaret Kuchenreuther, associate professor of biology, is the only faculty member in the University of Minnesota system to receive the 2012 University of Minnesota Outstanding Community Service Award (OCSA). She is the first Morris faculty member to receive the award.

Established in 1999, the OCSA honors community outreach and service activities of the University of Minnesota community and recognizes members of the University community who have devoted their time and talent to make substantial, enduring contributions to the community and to improving public life and the well-being of society.

The nomination committee chose Kuchenreuther for the award as “a classic example of a fully engaged citizen-scientist and a great champion of preservation and biodiversity in the prairie biome.” Her community service activities align with the mission and vision of the University of Minnesota, Morris as a leader in sustainable energy and green living. “The unifying theme in Kuchenreuther’s engagement activities is an advocacy for the protection of local habitats, and the diversification and perennialization of local agriculture. The consequences of moving in this direction are better water quality, soil conservation, carbon sequestration, wildlife and pollinator habitat, and local food security,” Kuchenreuther’s nominators wrote.

Kuchenreuther played a pivotal role in the local foods/healthy eating initiative in the Morris community. Soon after arriving in Morris in 1991, she committed her time to the local food co-op, Pomme de Terre Foods. While involved with the co-op, Kuchenreuther has seen it become a mainstay in the local foods movement. The co-op is a partner in the Pride of the Prairie, a collaborative effort with the purpose of promoting the production and use of locally grown food and developing a regional food system in western Minnesota. With Kuchenreuther’s involvement, Pomme de Terre Foods also collaborated with the Morris Healthy Eating Initiative. Established in 2009, the Morris Healthy Eating Initiative aims to make fresh produce and healthy foods more accessible on the University of Minnesota, Morris campus, in the Morris community, and in Stevens county.

Kuchenreuther’s largest on-going public service commitment is with the city of Morris Planning Commission. She has been a commissioner since 1997, and chair since 2006. As part of her service to the Planning Commission, Kuchenreuther argued for



the removal of ash trees from the landscaping plan of the new Morris Area Elementary School—before the emerald ash borer was reported in Minnesota. She successfully persuaded the commission to insist on dark-sky compliant lighting in all new development plans to protect the public’s right to enjoy the night sky and the University’s ability to use its telescope for teaching and research. Kuchenreuther is also the author of an ordinance allowing natural landscaping within the city limits.

In addition to her involvement with the local foods/healthy eating initiative and her commitment to the city of Morris Planning Commission, Kuchenreuther is a member of the Design Morris! Coordinating Committee, the West Central Research and Outreach Horticulture Advisory Board, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Commissioner’s Advisory Committee on Scientific and Natural Areas. She also leads interpretive talks at local natural areas, appears on Pioneer Public Television to share her botanical expertise, and conducts tours of her “lakescaped” backyard.

Above: Kuchenreuther working with students in the lab.

Truckers & Turnover turns ten

In the spring of 2012, the Truckers & Turnover Project celebrated ten years of collaborative research between Schneider National, Inc. (SNI) and Morris professors Stephen Burks and Jon Anderson, along with many Morris students and faculty from other institutions. Truckers & Turnover is a multi-year study in the field of “behavioral personnel economics.” As part of the celebration, Senior Vice President of SNI, Colonel Donald Osterberg, U.S. Army (retired) delivered a public talk on the strategically important role paratroopers played in the D-Day invasion of Normandy during World War II.



50 years and still going strong!



On Saturday, April 21, 2012, faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends gathered to honor Jim Togeas, who has taught chemistry for more than 50 years at Morris, and is still going strong! While Professor Togeas remains shy and humble about all the attention, he was delighted to see so many friends, old and new, who returned to Morris to celebrate with him. During a reception on campus and a dinner at Old No. 1, Togeas handed out golden coins stamped with his likeness, a gift from Don '83, Joan '81, and Ian Patterson '12, to commemorate the event. As Jim's good friend Charlie Fowler said at the dinner,

This, I submit to you, is one of nature's perfect gentlemen, and we are all damn lucky to have been accorded his good, gracious society.



Dr. Carter Green '78,
Professor Togeas, Professor
Nancy Carpenter



Top: Sister Cindy
Kohlhaas, Professor
Togeas, brother in law
Terry Kohlhaas. Bottom:
Ian Patterson '12, Eden
Prairie, Professor Togeas



Nellis and O'Loughlin recognized with President's Award

Two members of the Morris campus community were awarded the 2012 University of Minnesota President's Award for Outstanding Service, the highest service award from the University. The award recognizes exceptional commitment and service beyond the regular duties of a faculty or staff member.

Jenny Nellis, professor emeritus of studio art



Honoree Jenny Nellis served from 1978 until her retirement in 2011. When she was hired, fewer than 20 percent of the full time faculty members were women. Nellis played a pivotal role in changing that percentage—the faculty at Morris is now about 45 percent female. From 1994–97, she served on the board of the Commission on Women, which provided a place for professional and clerical staff to come together to address women's issues. Nellis also served as chair of the Division of the Humanities. Elected to the position in 2000, she was the first female division chair in the campus's history.

Through the Faculty Enrichment Program, Nellis mentored four assistant professors, including the first female tenure line faculty member in English and a Native American faculty member in studio art. Nellis's community-building interests also guided her influential participation in the Women's Art Registry of Minnesota (WARM), which was the first registry and gallery devoted exclusively to support women's art.

A recipient of the Horace T. Morse–University of Minnesota Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Nellis earned her bachelor of arts in ceramics from the University of Nebraska and her master of arts and master of fine arts in ceramics and sculpture from the University of Iowa.

Paula O'Loughlin, professor of political science



Honoree Paula O'Loughlin came to the University of Minnesota, Morris in 1996, and since then has been serving the Morris campus, its students, and the University of Minnesota system.

While an assistant to the dean, she focused on student retention. She recreated and chaired the retention group that established a National Student Exchange Program, collaborated with student affairs to provide more

entertainment opportunities, and convinced faculty to create 17 interdisciplinary majors

The founding director of the Academic Center for Enrichment (ACE), O'Loughlin created a one-stop location to support students' access to all manner of academic enrichment, from Undergraduate Research Opportunity Programs to national scholarships.

As a recipient of the Morse–Alumni Award, she became a member of the Academy of Distinguished Teachers (ADT). Within a year she became a member of the ADT Steering Committee and within two years became its chair. Six years ago, O'Loughlin began developing a University of Minnesota proposal for a teaching fellows program that would benefit both Morris undergraduates and Twin Cities graduate students. She launched the University of Minnesota specific ABD (All But Dissertation) teaching fellows program. The fellowship offers mentoring by members of the ADT as support for the participants and targets those who want to teach at a liberal arts institution.

Editor's Note: O'Loughlin assumed a new position as Associate Provost and Dean of Arts and Humanities at Gustavus Adolphus College in Northfield in July 2012.

2012 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS COMMENCEMENT



Today is your day!

THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, MORRIS'S
FORTY-NINTH COMMENCEMENT, SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2012

It was a day for sunscreen and smiles as crowds gathered on the campus mall to cheer on the more than 300 new alumni of the University of Minnesota, Morris. Students, friends, and parents reflected on their accomplishments not only at the commencement ceremony, but also at several earlier events.

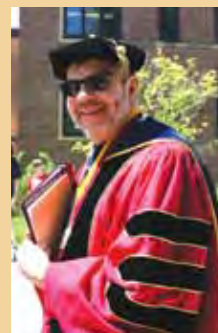
On April 21 the Undergraduate Research Symposium featured student projects from across campus. Graduating studio art majors showcased their work at the senior art exhibit, which opened April 19. Many students presented senior seminars and handed in final papers in the weeks leading up to May 12.

On Friday, May 11, graduating American Indian students were recognized at the annual American Indian Honoring Ceremony, with

drum group Midnite Express. The Honors and Awards Ceremony was held that evening in Edson Auditorium.

Then it was time for the big day! After a variety of receptions, graduates and faculty marched in to *Pomp and Circumstance*, with Professor of Political Science Paula O'Loughlin bearing the mace. Student speaker Manjari Govada '12, Shakopee, reminded her classmates of some fantastic Morris moments. University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler spoke, and Regent Clyde Allen conferred the degrees.

To see more photos and access the commencement video, visit morris.umn.edu/commencement.



twelve from 2012

Launching from the comfort and security of the college campus where you have spent four years, having known the whole student body, and growing from a teenager into an adult can be an intimidating transition. Or it can be the most exhilarating time of your life, a time to explore what the “real world” holds, and an interval to chart a course for the next few years of your life!

These 12 new Morris alumni have welcomed the challenge. From research in Japan, to further schooling on the East Coast of the United States, to glorying in the 75th birthday of SPAM, they have sought out ways to bring their interests to life beyond the campus and classroom.

As different as each of these students may appear at first glance, they all share in common their drive, their belief in the difference an individual can make, and their confidence in their ability to adjust to whatever life brings.

Although they’re entering the job market at a difficult time, they face the future with hope instead of discouragement. In short, these 12 young men and women exemplify the strength of a liberal arts education—they’re more than ready for anything, and they know how to turn big problems into unique solutions!



Karl “Boo” Schliep

chemistry, mathematics majors

After graduation, I headed to Japan to work at the National Institute of Materials Science in Tsukuba. I’m working on the synthesis of novel compounds for use in batteries or photovoltaic applications. Beyond the research aspect of trying to help alleviate the world’s growing energy crisis, I am most excited about being in Japan and learning about the country.

When I get back in late August I will enter the University of Minnesota Ph.D. program for Materials Science Engineering. I hope to focus my research on either quantum dot solar cells or organic photovoltaic compounds.

Before my life in Morris I had a very limited idea of what higher education offers, what energy issues our world faces, and what to do with my life. Morris gave me wonderful personal relationships with my professors. They were the ones pushing me to go beyond what I thought I could do and helping me get the research experience and the technical knowledge I needed to deserve the research position I have today.



Jodie Roy
psychology major

For the summer following graduation, I worked with Minnesota GreenCorps. I provided education and outreach to the surrounding community about storm water, which included best management practices and issues that arise due to storm water and water run-off. It sounded like a great opportunity to get more involved in the environment while getting experience in a potential field that interested me.

We also planned a summer day camp for third and fourth graders, which fits well with my next job as a Minnesota ReadingCorps member at Hancock Elementary School, where I'll be working with kindergartners through third graders. My plan is to take a year or so off and gain experience before going to graduate school for something in adolescent counseling.

Morris has given me the experience to narrow down where and in what capacity I want to work. I have had many opportunities to explore my interests while also getting the education I need to be successful in the career I choose, whatever that may be.

Brittany Ottum

English, theatre arts majors

I knew I wanted to stay involved with theatre after graduation, which is what led me to be a company management intern for the Powerhouse Theatre, a collaboration between New York Stage and Film and Vassar College. I recently became interested in the administrative side of art and theatre, and this internship seemed like a great introduction into that world. Plus I would get to spend a summer in New York!

Morris offers so many opportunities to be involved on campus and become a leader. It was these leadership opportunities that led me to realize that I love being involved in the inner-workings of organizations, which is what made this internship exciting. I will assist the company manager with things like coordinating housing and transportation for company members and assisting in planning and preparation for functions like opening night parties.

I'm looking forward to meeting professionals in the theatre and hearing about how they got to where they are today, and maybe meeting some famous people!





Manjari Govada

management, economics, mathematics majors

After graduation, I'm headed to MIT, where I was accepted into the master's in finance program. Morris challenged me to be my best both inside and out of the classroom, and I was continually encouraged to expand my interests—this allowed me to stand out during the application process because I had a unique and interesting story. My undergraduate experience made me realize the value of a great education, and choosing to add to my current skill-set in graduate school was a natural conclusion.

Being Morris Campus Student Association president really helped me develop and grow my leadership skills, and it spurred me to take on more challenges. I developed a great foundation in the liberal arts at Morris, and now I can expand my network and financial skills at MIT. Additionally, while I loved my small town experience in Morris, I am really excited to move out East to live and study in such a vibrant metropolis.

I will miss the wind, though!

Lynn Bixler

theatre arts, English majors

After graduating, I pursued two theatre-related opportunities, one as an apprentice at Festival Theatre, the other as a volunteer with ASTEP (Artists Striving to End Poverty). At the theatre, my responsibilities include acting in two productions, teaching, office work, being part of their improv troupe, and participating in their annual devised theatre piece. With ASTEP, I'll be traveling to India to teach various theatre and music classes as well as core classes like history and English to elementary through high school students.

As a theatre artist and a theatre educator, you are expected to have a grasp of a variety of artistic, administrative, and organizational skills, and I had opportunities to practice many of those skills in a variety of settings while at Morris. I feel so lucky to have been selected for two positions that allow me to teach what I love, and that I also get to take my first step into the professional acting world at Festival Theatre.





Ellis Valentiner

liberal arts for the human services,
psychology majors

This fall I am continuing my education by attending a program for my master's in statistical practice at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). This is a stepping-stone to provide me with advanced skills for scientific research so I can eventually go on to get my Ph.D. in psychology.

I wasn't even planning on applying to CMU until Professor Engin Sungur encouraged me to pursue it. To me, this is just one of many examples of the incredible support from the faculty at Morris.

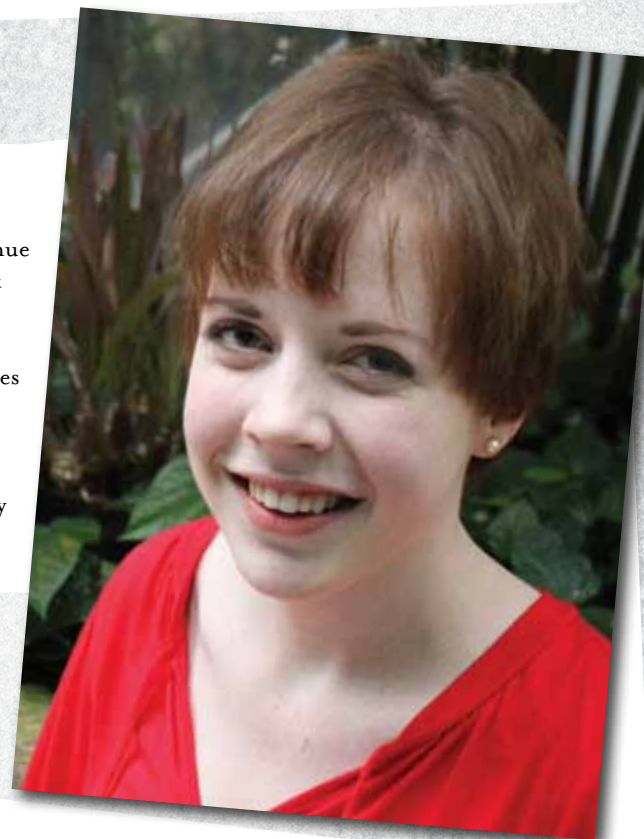
Being at Morris really broadened my perspectives by introducing me to new ideas and ways of thinking. For example, I had some great undergraduate research opportunities that sparked my interest in research. Discovering my love for research was instrumental in my decision to go to graduate school for statistics. My Morris experience has not only prepared me for going on to graduate school, but also has given me great lessons for life.

Katherine Wutchiett

political science, economics majors

When I first started my undergraduate program, I already knew I would continue my education beyond my bachelor's degree, but it was my experience at Morris that led me to choose law. Throughout my time at Morris I was involved in Mock Trial, traveled to India to research women's rights, interned with the Stevens County attorney, and took as many political science classes as I could. All of these experiences helped me realize a career in law was the right path for me.

In the fall, I will become a law student at Washington University in St. Louis. While I applied to many different law schools, Washington's reputation, strength in a variety of fields, and great clinical programs made it the best choice for me. I'm really excited to learn more about the law and explore the different fields of law.



Benjamin Schield

philosophy, history majors

After graduation, I headed back to my hometown of Two Harbors, where I am a historical interpreter at Split Rock Historic Site. There I lead tours, serve as a costumed interpreter, and answer visitor questions about the lighthouse and the keeper's home. The job has allowed me to meet people from New Zealand, Australia, India, and the U.K., as well as people from nearly every U.S. state.

I didn't know what I wanted to do for a job throughout college, and I don't really know now. But I do know that Morris prepared me, through my breadth of experiences as a philosophy and history major, for any type of employment. My Morris experience really allowed me to realize that the rat race is a farce, and that knowing people and yourself and learning as you go is more important than status or job title. I believe that in our increasingly service-oriented economy you don't need specialization, but knowledge and ability to learn and grow.





Courtney Driessen

communications, media, and rhetoric, English majors

As I begin my internship at Studio H with Hormel, I am most looking forward to continuing to learn in my field of interest. I will be assisting food photographers and stylists in prepping food and taking photos.

I will also have the opportunity to work with the organizers of the *Hormel* magazine in planning and preparing articles and themes for publication. This year marks the 75th anniversary of Spam, so I will help with event planning and photography for that major celebration.

As an English and communications, media, and rhetoric major, I find not only the art, but also the planning process and communication dynamics of group work interesting—both areas I will be exposed to through this internship.

Morris has allowed me to explore so many different fields. The flexibility that I acquired by taking a variety of classes has provided me with a mindset of flexibility for the working world. If one path doesn't work out, I know that I have the ability to do something else.

Adam Helgeson

vocal and instrumental music education major

Following graduation from Morris, I'm focused on interviewing for music education positions as well as participating in a variety of music-related activities across the state and country. In July, my a cappella quartet, Kordal Kombat, headed to Portland, Oregon for the Barbershop Harmony Society's annual convention.

In August, I was an assistant director specializing in instrumental music for Minnesota 4-H State Arts-In performing arts troupe. In this program, youth from all over Minnesota come together for eight days of a rehearsal-intensive performing arts experience before the Minnesota State Fair. Once the fair begins, they perform their show four times each day for all 12 days of the fair.

My education at Morris helped to cultivate and focus my love for music. Through my work with Kordal Kombat, I learned that quartet singing is my greatest passion. Additionally, my work in vocal and instrumental music education, along with my student teaching experience, reaffirmed my decision to be a music educator.





Jeff Lindblom

computer science major

I work as a software engineer at Thomsen Reuters with a team that develops functionality for its Westlaw web application suite. The internet has become an important part of how we connect with others. What makes these connections possible is the developers who create the software allowing every-day users to interact in a meaningful fashion. This is where I see software engineering growing at an exponential rate, and being a part of that surge is part of what motivated me to choose this profession.

What the Morris experience provided me is the drive and motivation to break out of my bubble, to make myself 'uncomfortable' intentionally. It gave me a diverse, broad skill-set which allowed me to adapt to a wide variety of situations, both within my profession and within my life. This made me confident and well-prepared for almost every interview, allowing me to better capitalize on the many valuable experiences I had throughout Morris's Computer Science program.

Cristina Montañez

Spanish, psychology majors

Through working at the Morris Office of Admissions as a student and being a campus ambassador, I had so many opportunities to interact with people in various settings. When the admissions counselor position became available at the end of my senior year I was very excited. I applied and got the job! My duties include recruitment, outreach, and admissions counseling.

Originally I considered computer science as a major, but I quickly discovered programming was not for me. The foundation of a liberal arts education really helped me find what I was interested in. I was able to explore various disciplines, and, after declaring several different majors, I went with what I knew I enjoyed and loved: people and my passion for higher education.

My undergrad years were filled with opportunities where I applied my skills and knowledge and grew because I was learning new things and felt challenged. This has been a memorable experience I hope to share. Working as an admissions counselor and being a Morris alumna allows me to show people what Morris is really about.



2012

Carla Riley '85, director of alumni relations and annual giving: Welcome to the UMMAA!



Last spring, many of us watched the Class of 2012 embrace the future with a short walk across a grassy berm to shake the hands of Morris Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler, Regent Clyde Allen, and the Morris Division Chairs. I couldn't help but detect a palpable sense of pride on both sides of those handshakes. You will enjoy reading a brief update of where twelve of our 2012 graduates landed after Commencement.

These graduates, along with the entire Class of 2012, are now Morris alumni, and with the UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors, I would like to congratulate and

encourage them to return to campus for their first alumni Homecoming experience this Fall. Homecoming weekend is September 21-23.

The UMM Alumni Association will again be hosting Alumni and Students Networking Day as part of Homecoming weekend. This was a wonderfully successful event last year, connecting current students with alumni, so we are pleased to offer it again. Adding to Homecoming 2012 excitement will be the recognition of the four Morris alumni you can read about in this issue of *Profile* who will be honored during a banquet on Friday evening with a 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award. Four Morris athletes will be inducted into the Cougar Hall of Fame at the banquet as well. It promises to be an exceptional evening and I hope you will be able to join us. We will also be hosting numerous affinity group reunions in the student center on Saturday after the Cougars crush Greenville! I predict that you will enjoy reconnecting if you come "home" for Homecoming. Details are available on the back page of this issue of *Profile*.

I hope to see you in September!

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

September 10, 2012

WCSA Board Meeting

September 13, 2012

Twins Game Event, Minneapolis

September 21-23, 2012

Homecoming

October 25, 2012

Vikings Game Event, Minneapolis

November 8, 2012

**Morris Area Young Alumni and
Student Dinner Gathering**,
Downtown Morris

December 7, 2012

7th Annual Senior Banquet

For the most current event information, visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/events/
Events take place on campus unless otherwise noted.

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Left: students begin connecting with the alumni association during orientation week of freshman year at the ice cream social sponsored by the UMMAA.

Tony Schuster '02, president of the UMM Alumni Association



I had the great honor of welcoming our newest alumni into the UMM Alumni Association during the commencement ceremony on May 12. Congratulations to the Class of 2012! As I mentioned during my remarks, since the day the University of Minnesota, Morris first opened its doors in 1960, it has been the utmost priority of our faculty, staff, and administration to create an accessible and affordable, yet second-to-none educational opportunity for a diverse student body. Nelson Mandela said,

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” At just 52 years young, our students and alumni have been making significant contributions to the world around us.

As noted on morris.umn.edu, a liberal arts education develops a student's creative, analytical, investigative, and intellectual strength. Students are exposed to ideas, information, and ways of thinking that will expand their minds and lives. The “renewable and sustainable education” provided by UMM prepares students for whatever their futures hold. You will see in this issue

of *Profile* that many of our 2012 graduates are already using their education as they pursue advanced degrees or as they launch into their careers. I am often amazed by the success and contributions of UMM's alumni, and from my interaction with our newest alums (and current students) the bar will be raised!

It is exciting for me to share that Morris Connect recently has been launched! Morris Connect is an alumni and student networking tool. It is a closed, secure system, sponsored by UMMAA, for the benefit of Morris alumni and students. Please visit morris.umn.edu/alumni/morrisconnect to learn more and to log in. This will be an extremely helpful and powerful tool for our alumni and students as networking has proven to be invaluable in today's world—I hope you will participate.

We have several great events planned for the second half of 2012 to help you stay connected with your fellow alumni and to UMM. I strongly urge all alumni and friends of UMM to visit the Alumni Association's website at morris.umn.edu/alumni, or ‘like’ the University of Minnesota, Morris on Facebook and Twitter for campus updates and event schedules. A couple highlights are the Twins game and Kieran's Pub happy hour on September 13 and Homecoming September 21–23. I hope to see you at an event soon!

Go Cougars!



On Facebook, the Alumni Association asked, “What was your favorite at Don's?”

Kevin Arhelger '10... I still have a BLT every time I make it to Morris!

Lewis Jordan Owen '12... All three of them say “Don's” in front of them, Don's french toast, Don's hash browns, and Don's texas toast...

Rebecca Huseuth Smith... grilled cheese... mmmm...

Brigid Doherty Tuck '97... Ice cream sandwich

Myranda Ilstrup '02... two words...cheese. curds.

Bobbi Smith '11... California cheeseburger on Don's bread. Or hash browns. Or cheese curds. Or the beef commercial. Ugh, I can't decide.

Jill Hahn '02... fries and carmel rolls

Bobbi Smith '11... Oh yeah!!! Caramel rolls...

Daniel Becker '95... Ham & cheese on Don's toast and fries. Perfect post-Met Lounge fare!

Stephen Moore '04... The fried chicken cured my homesick cravings.

Theresa Dorsey Meis '01... Fries!!

Mike Stone '05... The half hot beef with brown gravy. So unbelievably delicious.

Elizabeth Thoma '11... Breakfast; 2 eggs over easy, bacon and 2 pieces toast—yum!

Andrea Wojtanowicz Dvorak '99... a chocolate shake and a grilled cheese—hello freshman 20!

Donovan Hanson '11... The perfect meal (or two or three, considering the giant portions): grilled cheese with curly fries and a raspberry-hot fudge shake.

Robbie Wheeler '94... Yep, fries.

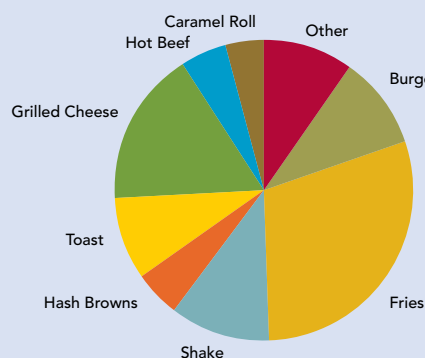
Tehani Tay LaHaye... Oh man how I miss that place!! Oreo shakes and grilled cheese!!!!

Cori Fischer Amesbury '92... French fries...a whole plateful shared with friends.

Judy McDonough '64... Everything.

Tim Bugeye Knoll '84... Hash browns late at night

Jen Luce Carbert '92... Grilled cheese after dancing at fredericks on fifth before it burned down!



Everyone deserves a Don's Cafe.

—Michelle Emileigh Tjernagel '93

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2012 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The University of Minnesota, Morris Alumni Association (UMMAA) Board of Directors announces four alumni who are recipients of the 2012 UMMAA Distinguished Alumni Award. The award honors alumni who have made noteworthy contributions in their professional lives, in public service, or in service to the University of Minnesota. This year's recipients are Robert Hansen '73, Punccky Heppner '73, Maddy Maxeiner '76, and Ronald McRoberts '69.



Robert Hansen '73 graduated with a theatre and English double major. He earned a master's degree in theatre while a student at Florida State University and, later, a doctorate in the same field from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. As an instructor of theatre at Bowling Green University in Ohio, Hansen also chaired the theatre department and served as managing director of the Huron Playhouse (Ohio's oldest continuing summer theatre). Afterward, he joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro (UNCG). There he served as the head of the communication and theatre department and later the broadcasting/cinema and theatre department.

Currently, he is an associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNCG; his responsibilities include curriculum and teaching, freshman seminars, and the online bachelor of arts in liberal studies program. In 2007, he donated part of his extensive collection of theatre materials to the UNCG libraries, thus establishing the Robert C. Hansen Performing Arts Collection. Hansen has also served as officer in the North Carolina Theatre Association, the United States Institute for Theatre Technology—Ohio Chapter, the American Theatre Association, the Southeastern Theatre Conference, and the National Association of Schools of Theatre.

In addition to his theatre work, Hansen has been active in historic preservation of the Moravian community in Bethania, North Carolina. He is the star of the 60-minute documentary film *Saving the Hansen House*, broadcast on North Carolina Public Television. The film, by Deni and Will McIntyre, documents restoration of an 18th century Moravian farmhouse while investigating its history.



Punccky Heppner '73 graduated from Morris with a psychology major. He obtained a master of arts and a doctorate in counseling psychology from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He currently holds a Curators' Distinguished Professorship—the highest distinction—at the University of Missouri (MU). Heppner is also a director of the Coalition for Cultural Competencies (an organization he co-founded in 1998). He has a long history of promoting American diversity issues and has played a significant role in providing multicultural and cross-cultural training in the MU Counseling Psychology program.

Heppner has published over 200 articles and book chapters, written nine books, made hundreds of presentations at national conferences, and delivered over 70 invited presentations and keynotes across 14 countries. His research focuses on how people cope with stressful life events and, more recently, how culture changes those coping mechanisms.

His work in particular has examined people's perceptions of their abilities to confront and solve problems. In this endeavor he has created the Problem Solving Inventory (PSI), which has been sustained by one of the top publishers in the U.S. for twenty years. The PSI assesses a person's appraisal of his or her own abilities to resolve stressful life events.

Heppner is the recipient of three Fulbright awards from Sweden, Ireland, and Taiwan. He is a fellow of the American Psychological Society and in three divisions of the American Psychological Association: Counseling Psychology, Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, and International Psychology. Heppner served on several national and international editorial boards and as editor of *The Counseling Psychologist*.

From 2005 to 2006, he occupied the post of president at the Society of Counseling Psychology of the American Psychological Association, and he was distinguished with the Leona Tyler Award, the Society's highest award, in 2009. He is also the recipient of numerous other national, university, and community awards for his leadership, research, teaching, mentoring, international work, and promoting diversity and social justice issues.



Maddy Maxeiner '76, as a Morris philosophy alum, has used her numerous talents to benefit the University of Minnesota, Morris community. Beginning her career as a freelance writer, Maxeiner volunteered for state election campaigns and worked on campus through grants. In 1981, she became the coordinator of Alumni Affairs. Previously this part-time position fell under the duties of many other offices and positions.

Under Maxeiner's leadership, the office of Alumni Relations grew. Today, more opportunities for alumni to connect with one another exist than ever before. *Profile* is written and edited by the staff of Alumni Relations and University Relations as a means of displaying the achievements of Morris alumni, students, and faculty. It began as a newsletter sent to dues paying members of the Alumni association, written and edited solely by Maxeiner. When the dues system was taken out, the newsletter adapted and became a university magazine called "UMM to You" and was sent to all alumni, parents of students, faculty, and staff.

The Alumni Association gained more visibility on campus under Maxeiner's direction; when Morris' 20th birthday was missed, she and several students planned events for a 21st birthday, in 1981, instead. She was also vital in procuring funds for the Student Center. Writing most of the communications to legislators, alumni, parents, and friends of Morris to gather support for the Student Center, her work was instrumental to the existence of this campus hub of student life.

Now the vice chancellor for External Relations, Maxeiner oversees the offices of University Relations, Alumni Relations, and Fund Development. She also served on several chancellor search committees, served as the Functions and Awards Committee chair, and as a member of the Campus Resources and Planning Committee. She earned her masters degree in philanthropy and development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in 1997.



Ronald E. McRoberts '69 is a mathematics alum. He received master's and doctoral degrees in biostatistics from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Presently, McRoberts is a mathematical statistician at the Northern Research Station, U.S. Forest Service in Saint Paul. He has contributed to environmental science through his work on acid rain, sustainability, and climate change. His roles for the United Nations in international climate change studies include expert meetings, a review of satellite image-based methods for detecting deforestation, and co-authorship of the revised *Good Practice Guidelines* for forest monitoring under the auspices of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

McRoberts has contributed to environmental assessments for the European Union, Guyana, Brazil, Russia, the Republic of Korea, and for non-governmental organizations such as the World Bank and the World Resources Institute. He has served on multiple panels for the National Science Foundation to evaluate funding proposals for climate change research. His contributions to sustainability in this country are through the National Forest Inventory and the Forests on the Edge project, which uses geographic information systems techniques to identify areas where private forest services are threatened by development, fire, insect pests, and diseases.

Elected as a Fellow by the American Statistical Association (ASA), McRoberts has received several national and international awards. He was elected to the International Statistical Institute in addition to the Italian Academy of Forest Science; the ASA selected him for their Distinguished Achievement Award; he earned the Honor Award for Excellence from the U.S. Department of Agriculture; and he was presented with a Visiting Scholar Award from the mathematics department of the University of Göttingen in Germany.



Alumni at Jazz Fest

The 34th annual Morris Jazz Festival made a splash! Drummer Dennis Mackrel and saxophonist Gary Smulyan played alongside Morris' Jazz Ensembles and conducted Jazz clinics during the day. Vocal jazz group the Northern Colorado Voices added a fresh new sound to the musical palette this year. Alumni performed together and gathered for a jam session at the Prairie Inn after the Saturday performance.



Young Alumni Service Project 2012

A group of alumni gathered at the Emergency Foodshelf Network (EFN) in March to volunteer. EFN is a full service food bank, providing quality, nutritious food and support services to over 200 hunger relief partners throughout Minnesota.

Front row: Shauna Rosen '09, Kari Adams '03. **Back row:** Anne Skoglund '05, Erin Christensen '05, Kristin Strissel '08, Maria Brun '08, Allison Fine '11, Katie Dzieveczynski '02, Lauren Buck-Hopkins '03.



Tinman Spaghetti Feed

The 28th Annual Tinman was held on April 27, and Morris alumni and students registered for the triathlon gathered at Bello Cucina in downtown Morris the evening before the event for a "carb" dinner.

Top, left to right: Mike Sorenson '13, Jarrod Cicha '13, Jake Krohn '02, and Anthony Rooney '13. **Bottom, left to right:** Dan Seidenkranz '13, Erin Christensen '05, Rikki Beaver '13, Chad Braegelmann '00.



Togeas and Alumni

Professor Jim Togeas took a moment to pose with alumni at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of his teaching at Morris. **Left to right:** David Eckmann '78, Ken Bruss '78, Randy Koopman '78, Professor James Togeas, Joan Bulfer '77, Richard Slieter '70.

Morris on the Move: February in Florida!

The UMM Alumni Association sponsored events with alumni and friends in the Fort Myers and Tampa areas. In Fort Myers, alum Harlo Peterson '64 hosted dinner with Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson at Islamorada Fish Company/Bass Pro. In Tampa, hosts Morris Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Carla Riley '85 and Development Officer Susan Schmidgall welcomed guests for dinner at Mitchell's Fish Market and for lunch the next day at Columbia Restaurant—Ybor City.



Fort Myers Florida Event
Clint Trousil '67, Gina (Slieter) Trousil '69



Tampa Florida Event
Susan (Schaeve) Wolf '70, Susan (Barnum) Peterson '71, and Andrew Wolf '70



Sacramento Event

Don Rose, Elizabeth (Honzay) Rose '77, Carol Eckersen '80, Linda (Dingley) Derosier '72, Mike Derosier '72, Carla Riley '85, John Weiler '70, and Susan Schmidgall



San Diego Event

Brielle Wacker '03, Dan Dragland '99

Morris on the Move: Sacramento and San Diego, California!

San Diego and Sacramento area alumni and friends gathered with external relations staff Carla Riley '85 and Susan Schmidgall for fun and socializing in late April. The UMM Alumni Association sponsored a dinner on the evening of April 25 at Tom Ham's Lighthouse in San Diego and the next night at Kupros Bistro in Midtown Sacramento.



Young Alumni Mississippi River Boat Cruise

Morris alumni gathered in June for a happy hour boat cruise touring the Mississippi River while enjoying the Minneapolis skyline on a perfect Minnesota summer evening. Sponsored by the UMM Alumni Association.

Above left: John Jones '12, Mike McBride '11, Amanda Granaas '12, Brittany Ottum '12, Emerson Fuller, and Allyce Amidon '12. Above right: Dan Baustian '06, Kelsey Baustian '06, and Jon Meath '06.



Duluth Area Event

Morris alumni gathered in Saginaw, Minnesota for a complimentary dinner sponsored by UMM Alumni Association Board member Curt Teberg '70 at his home in June 2012.

Above: Gary Telford '70, Kathy Kollodge '67, Curt Teberg '70, Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson, and Ken Kollodge '65. Below: Chancellor Johnson and Gary Telford '70 attempted fly fishing in Curt's trout pond!





Studio Art Alumni Reunion

Studio art alumni and friends came together for an informal gathering to celebrate Professor Emeritus Jenny Nellis and the Morris studio art community in June.

Right: Professor Emeritus Jenny Nellis, Kirk Sklar '93.



Above: Adam Yust '09, Brittany Jablonsky '08, Shannon Juhnke '09

Washington, D.C.

In June, Dennis McGrann and law firm Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P sponsored a gathering of D.C. area Morris alumni. Also in attendance were Paula O'Loughlin, external relations staff Carla Riley '85, Susan Schmidgall, and Chancellor Jacqueline Johnson.



class notes

Class of '64

Leonard E. Munstermann, writes that in May, after a National Institutes of Health meeting in Seattle, he met up with Robin Atkins and significant other for a motorcycle trip around San Juan Island in Puget Sound. In October, another expedition to French Guiana was conducted, this time to collect cicadas, dung beetles, and horseflies.

Class of '71

Mona Syverson Gregersen reports that her son Chad returned home from Afghanistan last winter after nearly a year. He is a specialist in the Army.

Judith Long Oldemeyer reports that she retired in 2011 from Pipestone County after 28 years. She took a trip to France last September. She has two grandsons, Cole and Noah.

Alan C. Colliander reports that he retired to Bemidji and started Colliander Consulting Company. His oldest granddaughter, Helen, starred in "The Case for Christmas," a made for TV movie on the Hallmark channel.



Susan Schaeve Wolf '70 enjoys a moment with **Steve Jerve '82**, chief meteorologist for the NBC market in Tampa, Florida. Steve spoke to a group with which Susan is affiliated.

Evelyn Galbrecht Hilleren, Benson, passed away in April 2012. She taught at Northside Elementary School in Benson for 14 years, and lived and farmed in Cashel Township for 51 years before retiring to Benson in 1997. She is survived by her children, including **Mary Jo Forbord**, UMM Healthy Eating Coordinator. She is preceded in death by her husband.

Class of '73

Ron Raasch, who has served as executive director of the Fergus Falls YMCA since 1998, retired in January 2012.

Class of '74

Tom Westman writes "After over forty years in retail-wholesale, I have changed careers. In March I took a full time job as staff writer and columnist for the *Annandale Advocate* newspaper. I love it!"

Class of '76

Terry Olson has been named as the executive director of the Arc of Delaware, a statewide, nonprofit organization devoted to improving the quality of life for Delawareans with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

Class of '81

Bradley D. Waryan, Minneapolis, died in January 2012 at his home. After earning his degree at UMM he earned an MFA at Northern Illinois University. His art was exhibited nationally. He became a chef and continued to be an avid outdoorsman.

Jim Swanson was named the outdoor conservation educator of the year by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

Class of '82

Patrick J. Moore, Montevideo, executive director of Clean Up the River Environment (CURE), was a plenary session speaker at the Upper Midwest Association for Campus Sustainability (UMACS), on the Morris campus, September 2011.



Above: Dave Thompson and Mary Ann Flolo Thompson '73 have a new grandson. Parents are Jonny and Aimee Thompson Arevalo. The two women in the back are nurses at Boston Mass. General Hospital.

Duane E. Koslowski was inducted into the Minnesota Wrestling Hall of Fame, April 2012, in Benson.

Class of '87

Kevin Hansen marked the 20th anniversary and last season with which he will be with the Minneapolis Musical Theatre, by co-starring in *The Story of My Life*, the area premiere of the 2009 Broadway musical.

Mathew LeFebvre was featured in a segment of *MN Original* at Twin Cities Public Television in February, for his work as costume and set designer, including nearly 200 new wardrobe changes refreshing Guthrie Theater's classic, *A Christmas Carol*. He also received the Theatre Development Funds' TDF/Irene Sharaff Young Master Award, May 2012.

Leigh C. Marthe is now director of instructional services at Rivervalley Community College in Clearmont, New Hampshire.

Jean Vos Valnes writes "In December 2011 I took a job as an auditor in the Internal Audit Department at the University of Minnesota after having worked at UMM for the past 9 years."

Class of '90

Karl J. Terhaar has been named president of All Saints Academy.

Class of '92

Timothy Cleary was commissioned last fall by the Northland Veteran Services Committee in Duluth to construct a statue of 92 year old Duluth resident, Joe Gomer, one of the last of the Tuskegee Airmen. Cleary is an active artist and an assistant professor of art at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. The statue will be placed in the Duluth International Airport upon completion.



Above: Emmarella Ohlen Westrom '76 and husband Norlin visited with Carla Riley '85, director of alumni relations and annual giving in March at the Welcome Center.

Todd R. Schroder, Garfield, passed away in January 2012. He is survived by his wife, Gwen, and three daughters. He was working for American Business Solutions as vice president of IT at the time of his death.

Clarence N. Carson III reports that he is "Practicing dentistry and living in Springfield, South Dakota. Left Yankton, South Dakota, in 2007 for a residency at University of Iowa. Was deployed to Baghdad, Iraq in 2009 for six months, then returned to private practice back in South Dakota. Became a firefighter in 2010. Wife Kris works in my office, and children, McKenzie 9 and Marcus 7, are doing great in school."

Class of '95

Eric Franzen married **Sarah Berg Franzen '97** in October 2011 in Charlottesville, Virginia, "where they, along with Sarah's daughter Reagan, currently live an idyllic life in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Sarah works as a sales and marketing director for Hilton and enjoys life as mom of a teenage (14 years old) daughter. Feel free to drop her a line at sarah.franzen@yahoo.com. Eric is a property manager and moonlights whenever possible as a pianist-extraordinaire. Feel free to drop him a line at ericfranzen@rocketmail.com."

Class of '97

Kristopher Nelson and Chris Heuer '05, Thompson Reuter's employees, met with computer science students on February 7, and conducted interviews for interested students on February 8 on campus. Photo with **Gary Donovan**, Career Services coordinator.



Cally C. Ringeisen Eckles '99 has been named to *Today's Chicago Woman (TCW)* magazine's 2012 top singles list. *TCW* profiles the lifestyles of professional women in the city of Chicago. The list includes a mix of entrepreneurs, lawyers, and athletes.



Alumni return to campus for career fair held in January 2012



Peter Olson Skog and Joseph Bartos '01 served on a panel discussion at the Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE) Spring Collaboration in Minneapolis. Peter presented "Do beginning teachers know how to avoid being a DRIP (Data Rich but Information Poor)?" Joseph presented "Accelerated Growth in Elementary Mathematics." Judy Kuechle, associate professor of education, also presented.

Class of '00

Philip Drown has joined Wideth Smith Nolting's funding assistance unit as a funding specialist.

Riley and Laurie Plahn DuBois '99 write "We live in Beijing where we've taught for the past three and a half years. Living and travelling in Asia has been a very rewarding experience. We're also the proud parents of two sons and a daughter."



Lindsay Hermans-Miller '00 and husband Ryan announce the birth of twins Grayson and Harper in May 2011. They join big sister, Maya (6), who couldn't be more thrilled to have them! The family lives in Sauk Rapids. Lindsay works in the Accounting/Finance department at Bernicks Beverages and Vending in Waite Park.



Kristian Jankofsky '97, far left, Laurentian Environmental Center, and Kris Sherstad Willert '78, near left, Rural MN CEP/Alexandria Work Force Center, on campus in January.

Tammy Roth and Matthew Justin '06 are engaged to be married September 7, 2012. Matthew is currently working at Dealer.com in Burlington, Vermont where the couple will reside after the wedding.

Class of '02

Tanya Bosl Fischer reports that she finished her second year teaching first grade at St. Mary's in Morris. She has also taught in the Herman and Hancock schools.

Class of '03

Travis J. Ryder has been promoted to the new post of music director at KAXE, Grand Rapids.

Class of '04

Nick and Renae Ellingson Johnson '05 are the happy parents of Xavier, born in February 2011.



UMM and WCSA Alumni board members attended the annual University of Minnesota Legislative Briefing in McNamara Alumni Center on the Twin Cities campus February 1, 2012. Alumni told stories about why the U of M has been important in their lives and practiced Tweeting their stories. Pictured, from left to right: Tony Schuster '02, president, Suzanne Basiago '87 1st vice-president, Les Bensch WCSA '59, Carla Riley '85, director, Dennis Gimmestad '73 past president.



Jeanne Richards, teaching specialist of music, retired this spring, and 24 alumni and student flutists performed before the Symphonic Winds concert on April 29 to wish her well.

Photo credit: Erin Melzer '15, Northfield



Class of '05

Lonnie Bradford and **Tiffany Riewe-Bradford** welcomed their first child, a son, Layton Forrest, in October. Lonnie returned in May from a year of adventures in Afghanistan where he worked as a U.S. Army psychologist. He received a Bronze Star during his deployment and is now back working at Walter Reed. Tiffany currently works full days as a stay-at-home mother taking care of Layton and is an active member in the military spouses community. They couldn't be happier being back together in Washington, D.C.

Samuel Redman published an opinion piece in the December 14 *New York Times*, "The Right Way to Put Kids to Work." It addresses the question of how to find ways to hire unemployed young people while maintaining the educational infrastructure.

Class of '07

Stacy Gross writes "I graduated in January 2012 from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in Terre Haute, Indiana with a master of arts in art therapy degree. This July, I will be presenting my thesis on integrating bibliotherapy and art therapy at the American Art Therapy Association National Conference in Savannah, Georgia."

Class of '08

Maria Brun writes, "I have accepted a full fellowship offer to attend the University of California, Davis as a Ph.D. student in their Graduate Group in Ecology. I will be pursuing an environmental policy and human ecology degree emphasis, working with Dr. Mark Lubell. I intend to look at the connection between policy, behavior, and renewable energy adoption, as well as examine the role of renewable energy in economic development."



On Saturday, May 5, 2012 Jessie Hass '07 and Brenna Burns Hucka '09 graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with their Masters of Science in Counseling and Student Personnel, in the Professional School Counseling (K-12) and College Student Affairs tracks, respectively.



Megan DeLong Kittleson '06 and Gwen Rudney, chair of the division of education, met up at the 2012 Minnesota Teacher of the Year banquet, where Megan's husband was a nominee.



Class of '08 Doctors

Dr. Ruth Olson Smith, Dr. Julie Fox, Dr. Katie Glasrud, Dr. Shawn Olson, Dr. Jeff Hubers, and Dr. Scott Hubers graduated from the University of Minnesota with medical degrees May 4, 2012. Their future plans include: Julie Fox—family medicine in Duluth, Katie Glasrud—emergency medicine at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Jeff Hubers—internal medicine at University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Scott Hubers—internal medicine at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, Ruth Olson Smith—family medicine at Naval Hospital Bremerton in Washington, Shawn Olson—general surgery at University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

Alison Pehl Callahan married Daniel Callahan in June 2011, and is working as an English teacher. She traveled to South Africa in July with the Minnesota Zoo Educator's Expedition.

Kim Ukura is the 2012 winner of the first Independent Book Bloggers Award in the Adult Non-Fiction category for her blog *Sophisticated Dorkiness*, www.sophisticateddorkiness.com/. The award was announced by Goodreads and the Association of American Publishers. According to the press release, *Sophisticated Dorkiness* is "primarily about non-fiction and literary fiction, but [Ukura] also likes to read memoirs, comics, and young adult fiction."

Class of '11

Sarah Deutl reports that she is working for Heins, Mills & Olson, a law firm specializing in consumer fraud and securities, as an office assistant/case assistant.

Faculty/Staff

Harold Fahl WCSA '45, Morris, died in December 2011. Harold retired from UMM in 1993 after serving 25 years as superintendent of plant services. Survivors include wife **Marion WCSA '47**, one son, and one daughter.

Rich Glas, former UMM Basketball coach, has been named the new athletic director at Concordia College, Moorhead. He will retain his role as the Cobber men's basketball coach.

George Fosgate writes from Oregon, "I'm still active in theatre here, mostly professional acting. I had several recent gigs! In April I was in a staged reading of Tom Stoppard's adaptation of *Heroes* for the Portland Civic Theatre Guild at the Old Church in Portland. I was Henri, one of the three characters in the show. Also

in April I played Morrie in *Tuesdays With Morrie* for the Public House Theatre Company at COHO Theatre in Portland. There are just two characters in this show, Morrie and Mitch. Morrie is a retired college prof, so I've got the background down for that."

Lloyd A. Brandt WCSA '39, Donnelly, died in February 2012. He was retired from UMM, where he worked as a custodian. He served as a Sunday school teacher at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church, where he also sang with the men's quartet and the church choir. He was preceded in death by his wife Thelma.

Veronica Wood-Bartlett, Minneapolis, died in February 2012. Veronica was a retired faculty member in German. She is survived by two children, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and many relatives in England and Germany.

Margaret Simonson, Morris, died in February 2012. Margaret was a former Post Office staff member.

Iver Bogen died in April 2012 in Duluth. Bogen served as director of counseling 1961–65 before leaving to serve on the faculty at UMD.

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BASKETBALL

Women's basketball team lands two on first team, Grove honored

The women's basketball team was well represented on the All-Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) teams, while Tim Grove earned coaching accolades.

Senior Jenni Noordmans, Hancock, and junior Emily Mehr, Aitkin, were each named First Team All-UMAC, while freshman Kendra Wycoff, Montrose, was named the league's Co-Freshman of the Year, also claiming Honorable Mention All-UMAC honors.

The Cougar's two First Team honorees each claim the honor for the first time in their careers, with Mehr earning Honorable Mention honors last season, and Second Team honors as a freshman. While earning All-UMAC honors for the first time, Noordmans lands on the All-Defensive Team for the third straight year.

Tim Grove led the way for the Cougars as he was voted UMAC Coach of the Year, an award selected by league coaches, for the third consecutive season. Grove ended his sixth year at the helm of the program with his third straight UMAC title. He led the Cougars to a 12-2 league record, capping a three-year run where his teams went 39-3 against league foes.

The Cougars went 18-8 overall on the season, reaching 18 wins for the third straight year. After advancing to the UMAC Tournament championship game for the second straight year, their season came to an end with a hard fought 69-63 loss to their fellow regular season champion Martin Luther.

Three men's basketball players receive UMAC honors

The men's basketball team was awarded a pair of All-UMAC titles. Derek Schmidt '12, East Grand Forks, led the Cougars all season and earned First Team All-UMAC honors for the first time. It is his second consecutive all-conference laurel, as he was named to the Second Team last season.

Joining him was Brendon Foss '15, Hancock, who earned Honorable Mention All-UMAC honors, while also landing on the All-Defensive Team.

Additionally, Logan Orazem '13, Mora, was given the UMAC Sportsmanship Award, for best portraying sportsmanship throughout the season. Orazem was the only player to start in every game for the Cougars this season, playing a team high 28.5 minutes per game.

The Cougars finished the season 11-15 overall, with a 7-7 mark in the UMAC to place fourth. After moving on to their fifth straight UMAC Tournament, they fell 84-75 in the first round to regular season champion Bethany Lutheran.



SWIMMING AND DIVING

Women's swimming and diving honored

This season, the women's swimming and diving team was recognized for their work in the classroom, earning the Team Scholar Academic All-American Award from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA).

The CSCAA honors those teams that hold a team grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or better following the fall semester. The Cougars finished with a team GPA of 3.06.



TRACK AND FIELD



Dower and DeRoeck honored

Leandro Dower '14, Minneapolis, won his second straight Track Athlete of the Meet honor and Ryan DeRoeck '14, Sartell, was named Field Athlete of the Meet, leading eight total event winners as the Minnesota Morris men's track and field team took second at the 2012 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Outdoor Championships.

Dower was a winner in both the 100-meter and 200-meter races and anchored the winning 4x100-meter relay, while DeRoeck took top honors in both the high jump and triple jump.

Keller earns Athlete of the Meet

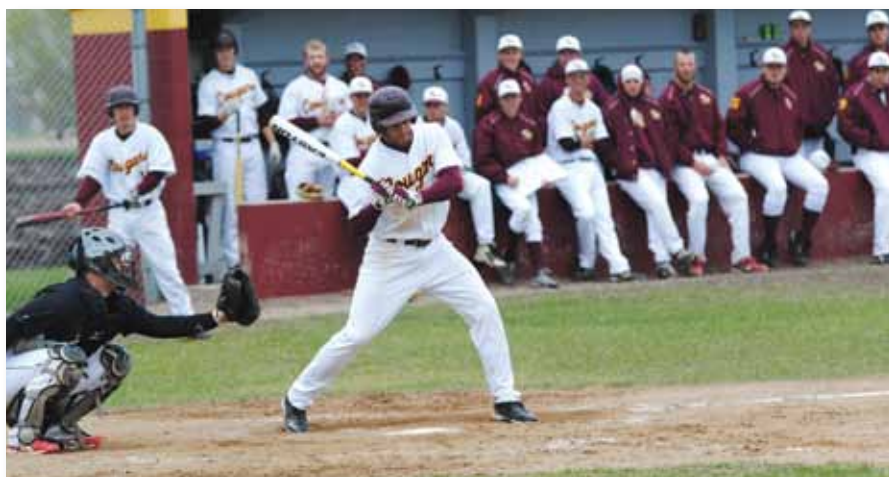
Two wins from Linda Keller, Hawick, earned the junior her first Track Athlete of the Meet honor, as she paced the women's track and field team that claimed six total championships on its way to a second place finish at the 2012 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Outdoor Championships.

Keller took championships in both the 800-meter and 1500-meter races, shattering the Morris and UMAC Championship record in the 800 in the process. She dropped four seconds off the old standard, posting a 2:16.96 and beat the field by 10 seconds. In the 1500-meter she was again out front for the entire race, winning again by 10 seconds with 4:58.32 and finishing as the only competitor under five minutes.

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BASEBALL



All-UMAC baseball teams

Baseball players Nick Perrotte '14, Aruba, and Eric Terres '15, Melrose, have been named to the Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) All-Conference Honorable Mention Team.

Perrotte and Terres each make the team as infielders, after becoming mainstays at first base a shortstop respectively this season.

Earning the UMAC Sportsmanship Award was senior Mike McGill, Omaha, Nebraska. This award honors athletes who best exemplify sportsmanship throughout the season. McGill started 32 games at third base in his final season.

Fohl passes baseball coaching duties on to long time assistant Harding

For the first time in 27 years, the Morris baseball team will have a new head coach, as veteran Mark Fohl announces his retirement from coaching the sport following the 2012 season. Fohl will remain in his capacities as athletic director and head men's golf coach.

Fortunately for the Cougars, it should be an easy transition, as assistant coach Grant Harding is set to assume head coaching duties.

The longest tenured coach of any sport in the history of Cougar Athletics, Fohl took the reins of Cougar Baseball in 1986 and has been a fixture on

the bench ever since. His 286 career wins are a record, and he took over a program that had just five winning seasons in its then 23-year history, including none in the previous six years. In just his third season they won 16 games, and a year later, in 1989, he led the Morris Nine to a 19-15 mark, the second highest win total in program history.

Stepping into his first head coaching role, Harding has been a member of the Cougar baseball staff for the last five seasons, while also spending the fall as a member of the Cougar football coaching staff.

Mark Fohl, athletic director, updates and Cougar announcements

This year's Cougar Hall of Fame class includes athletes from three different decades; Pat Popowski and Bob Foss from the 1970s, Paul Huber from the 1980s, and Kathy Heuer Mackenthun from the 1990s.



Popowski was an outstanding multi-sport athlete who received numerous accolades as a football player and signed professional contracts with the Chicago Bears and the New England Patriots. Foss was an outstanding basketball player who continues to hold records as a rebounder and remains in the top ten in career scoring and rebounding. Huber was a three time All-American as a receiver in football and was a four year starter and All-District selection in baseball. Mackenthun, like Foss, was an outstanding basketball player who holds numerous records and also remains in the top ten in career scoring and rebounding.

The four will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Banquet during Homecoming Week on Friday, September 21 at 6 p.m. in Oyate Hall.

There will be a couple of staff changes for the coming year. Pat McCabe, who has served as the sports information director for the past two years, has resigned to accept a position at the College of Saint Benedict. Pat has done an outstanding job of continuing to make improvements in all areas of sports information at UMM. A search for his replacement is currently underway and will be completed this summer. After 27 years, I will no longer be coaching baseball. Grant Harding, who has been the baseball assistant for the past five years, will move into the head coaching position.

We have a lot of things we want to accomplish in the coming year and look forward to the challenge.

SOFTBALL



The final mark on a stellar freshman season for Molly Olson, Lakeville, is her award as the 2012 Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Softball Player of the Year.

Olson was also named Freshman of the Year, First Team All-UMAC, and All-Defensive Team.

She claimed the final two UMAC Player of the Week awards in 2012, helping the Cougars to their second straight second place finish in the conference standings.

Also named to the First Team was another new face to the Cougars, sophomore Jordan Iverson, Hitterdal. Also an All-Defensive Team member, Iverson led the UMAC in triples with five in all games, while also ranking fifth with a .651 slugging percentage.

The Cougars also had two players named to the UMAC Honorable Mention Team, freshmen Mercedes Klimek, Osakis, and Mariah Essig, Aurora.

Earning the UMAC Sportsmanship Award was Shelby Johnsrud, Graceville, for best exemplifying sportsmanship throughout the year.

For the first time in program history, the softball team advanced to the championship game of the UMAC Tournament, falling 9–0 to Saint Scholastica after getting there with a 5–4 elimination-game win over Northwestern.

TENNIS

UMAC Women's Tennis Awards

Led by Upper Midwest Athletic Conference (UMAC) Women's Tennis Coach of the Year, Eli Starzl, the Cougar women's tennis team was well represented in postseason awards.

In his fourth season at the helm, Starzl earned his first Coach of the Year honor. The Morris women had their best season in recent memory with a 6–4 mark to finish third in UMAC play. The only losses the Cougars suffered were to the two teams that finished ahead of them in the final conference standings, including a narrow 5–4 defeat to Northwestern late in the season.

Earning All-UMAC accolades under Starzl's tutelage were sophomore Abby Fragodt, Benson, and freshman Christina Mollan, Menomonie, Wisconsin, the Cougars' top two players all season.

Fragodt also earned UMAC Sportsmanship Award, given to those who best exemplify sportsmanship throughout the season. Finally, rounding out the Cougars' success, the team was given the UMAC Team Sportsmanship Award.



2012

HOMECOMING

September 21–23, 2012



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

All day Alumni and Students Networking Event

3 p.m. Alumni Band Rehearsal with UMM Symphonic Winds, HFA

4:30–6:30 p.m. Briggs Library Photo I.D. Project, Student Center

5 p.m. Social Hour, Student Center Foyer

6 p.m. Cougar Hall of Fame/Distinguished Alumni Award and Networking Banquet, Oyate Hall

10 p.m. BSU Homecoming Dance, Oyate Hall



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8 a.m. Registration for Cougar Homecoming 5K, Regional Fitness Center (RFC)

9 a.m. Cougar Homecoming 5K

9:45 a.m. Alumni Band Rehearsal with UMM Symphonic Winds, HFA

10 a.m. UMMAA Board Meeting, Welcome Center

10:30 a.m. Campus Tours, meet at Welcome Center

11 a.m.–5 p.m. University of Minnesota, Morris Bookstore Open

11:45 a.m. Tailgate Party, west of Big Cat Stadium

1 p.m. Football Game vs. Greenville

3 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at the Lopez Computer Room

4–6 p.m. Reunion Gatherings, Student Center

1960–64 Men's Chorus Reunion

Center for Small Towns Alumni Reunion

Classes of 2011 and 2012 Reunions

Computer Science Alumni Reunion

KUMM 40th Anniversary Reunion

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Where did you live—Dorms/Hotels/Rentals—Reunion

Who can gather the most people?

7 p.m. "The Laramie Project" 10 year anniversary reading with Ray Schultz, associate professor of theatre arts, HFA

9 p.m. Homecoming Concert, Edson Auditorium



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:30 a.m. Alumni Choir rehearsal, HFA Recital Hall

2 p.m. Performances with alumni by UMM Symphonic Winds, UMM Concert Choir, and UMM Jazz Ensembles
HFA Recital Hall

3:30 p.m. Post Concert Reception, HFA



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